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A Penny for your Thoughts

PAIR ON JOB AFTER CAVEIN

"Do you believe a husband and wife in a family should work? Or do you hold to the old saying that a woman's place is in the home?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons shopping downtown Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Mrs. B. F. Townsend, 1024 Cranbrook Ave., housewife:

"I don't believe in working when the children are small. However, when they are older I believe a mother could find time for a part-time job to help fill part of her day."

Gloria Dutton, 23624 Eshelman, student:

"I am getting married this June and I think it's fine for a woman to work for a while before she has children. However, I don't think a couple should depend on the wife's salary to live. It should either go into the bank or be used for extras."

H. F. Braun, 1627 Cravens, laundrette operator:

"No, she definitely should not work. A woman's place most certainly is in the home and that's where she should remain unless her man is unable to work."

Mrs. Ruth Bishop, 22912 S. Meyler St., housewife:

"I think it's according to whether you have children or not. If you have children, then I believe the woman should stay at home with them. After they are grown I think it would be good for her to get back in touch with things."

T. J. Knutson, Pasadena, retired:

"I agree that a woman's place is in the home. Although I have been a bachelor all my life, I feel that if they remained home it would create more jobs to be filled by heads of families."

Lawrence H. Powers, 1530 LeGrande Terrace, San Pedro, furniture helper:

"When a couple first marries, the wife should work. After the children come along she should stay home and take care of them. If she needs to keep busy, I'd suggest church work. She shouldn't consider returning to work until they are at least in their final year of high school."



NEW OIL WELL DISCOVERED . . . Examining the site of a new and promising oil well discovered at 235th and Walnut Streets is G. G. Perry, president of the Perry Oil Co., which located the oil 5,320 feet below ground last Sunday. A continuation of the Wilmington field, the new find will greatly affect the Torrance area, since operators of old, shallow wells in the vicinity are expected to begin deepening their holes to the lower depth. There are 300 existing wells located near the Perry well.

(Herald Photo)

Hits Deep Pool

Drillers Eye New Oil Fields

Discovery of a new, deeper and promising major oil zone in the Torrance area was announced yesterday by C. G. Perry, president of the Perry Oil Co.

The new zone, located at 235th and Walnut St., was encountered at 5320 feet, some 2000 feet below the Del Amo zone, the deepest producing zone in the field. Petroleum engineers had long suspected the existence of major productive sand at this depth — a possible continuation of the rich Wilmington field—but no definite proof of the new zone was obtained until a Perry rig reached the new strata early Sunday morning.

Cement pouring began immediately and by the end of this week an accurate assessment of the area's potential should be possible, according to W. E. Luckett, petroleum engineer for the Union Pacific railroad's interest in Wilmington and long-time consultant to the Perry Co.

PRELIMINARY estimates on the new well, named the Barlow No. 1, should range from 200 to 500 barrels a day, according to Luckett.

Discovery of the new zone below the Del Amo will greatly affect the Torrance area, since operators of shallower, uneconomic wells in the vicinity are expected to begin deepening their existing holes to reach the new zone at comparatively small drilling costs, Perry said.

President Perry was encouraged to attempt deep drilling in the old Torrance field when his petroleum engineers pointed out that electric logs charted from two earlier test holes — one in 1947 and another in 1956 — indicated the existence of a major reservoir under the Del Amo.

PERRY'S petroleum geologists believe the new zone probed by the Barlow No. 1 extends continuously north and south for three-quarters of a mile and at least this distance northwest-southwest.

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Rescued Men Say 'Thanks'

Two men buried alive for more than an hour Monday afternoon when a sewer excavation caved in, were back on the job yesterday, grateful for the efforts of scores of firemen, police, and volunteers who worked frantically to free the trapped pair.

"You can tell everybody that Pete (Dodge) and I are very grateful for the help we received," 45-year-old Jay Ravin, construction company owner, told the HERALD yesterday. "We appreciate it."

Ravin and the 19-year-old Dodge, both of Woodland Hills, were trapped near the bottom of an 18-foot excavation on Hawthorne Blvd. at Garnet St. shortly after 3 p.m. Monday when the sand in which they had been working caved in.

THEY WERE trapped facing each other in a tiny air pocket that surrounded their heads. Workers at the scene estimated that about six feet of earth covered their heads before rescue operations began.

After the raised arms of the pair had been uncovered twice and reburied by additional slides, firemen were able to put an air line down to the two men and then uncovered their heads and put oxygen masks on them.

Ravin told newsmen after being checked at the hospital that he and Dodge had been down in the excavation to check its safety. A large section of

the wall broke away and covered their feet and Ravin yelled:

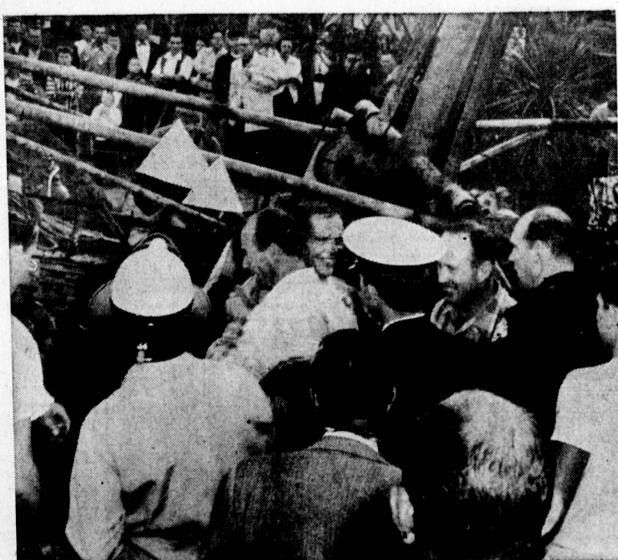
"Let's get the hell out of here, Pete!"

The two men had reached up to grab a cable which was to lift them out when the sides of the hole crumbled on them. Ravin said their upraised arms apparently formed a small air pocket around their faces which kept them alive for the several minutes it took to uncover their faces.

IT WAS more than an hour after rescue workers had reached the pair before they could be uncovered enough to be brought out of the sandy trap.

Wayne Watkins, of 1707 W.

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EMBRACES RESCUER . . . Jay Ravin (arrow) embraces Wayne Watkins after climbing out of excavation in which he had been trapped with a fellow worker more than an hour here Monday afternoon. Watkins, Ravin's partner in a construction firm, led rescue attempts. (Herald Photo)

Three New Schools To Open on Feb. 9

Three new north Torrance elementary schools will open on Monday, Feb. 9, according to school officials, barring last-minute construction difficulties.

The three schools—Magruder, Yukon, and Hamilton—will reduce the number of children on double session in north Torrance from 2800 to about 1150. At the same time, the district will close El Nido School, which is housed in wooden bungalows.

Each of the three schools will have 14 classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, administration buildings, multipurpose buildings, Magruder and Hamilton will have shop and home-making units, while Yukon and Hamilton will have music buildings.

All El Nido students and some of those at Edison School will move to Magruder School, 4100 W. 185th St. Edwin Brown, principal of El Nido, also will move to Magruder.

Yukon School, 17815 Yukon Ave., will relieve double session problems at Perry, Edison, Carr, and Crenshaw Schools. Richard Brown Jr., now Steele School vice principal, will become principal.

Hamilton School, 2602 W. 182nd St., will help the overcrowding at Arlington and



SHOVEL BRIGADE . . . Volunteers manned shovels for more than an hour Monday to move loose dirt out and away from an excavation which crumbled and buried Jay Ravin and Pete Dodge alive. Their efforts paid off when both were brought out unharmed. (Herald Photo)



RESCUE SCENE . . . Workers on a shelf of the excavation relay dirt up to waiting shovels on top as frantic efforts progressed to release Dodge and Ravin from their trap. The rig used to dig the pit poises dangerously over the excavation here, held by cables on a city fire truck. (Herald Photo)

Crash Hurts Three Women

A collision at the intersection of Lomita Blvd. and Figueroa St. Monday afternoon sent three local women to Harbor General Hospital, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Injured when her car hit a northbound vehicle which was attempting to make a left turn into Lomita Blvd. was Mrs. Frank L. Sumpter of 3914 W. 242nd St., WALTERIA, who is under treatment at San Pedro Community Hospital, to which she was transferred following emergency treatment, for multiple fractures to both legs, cuts, and bruises.

Mrs. Bernice Irene Inman, 44, a passenger in the Sumpter vehicle, also transferred to San Pedro Community Hospital, sustained a multiple-fractured leg, cuts, and bruises.

Minor injuries to both legs were suffered by Gloria Longoria Castaneda, 23, of 1088 W. 256th St., Harbor City, driver of the car which was struck by the Sumpter vehicle.



ADMINISTRATORS FOR A DAY . . . Students Karen Oberhansli, Mike Robbins and Barbara Bishop (left to right seated) took over and ran the affairs of South High school this week during Junior Administration Day. They are pictured being indoctrinated by their counterparts Dr. Bruce Wagner, principal; (seated third from left), Carl Benson and John Lucas, both assistant principals.

North Torrance Night Planned At Friday Game

North Torrance Night is planned for Friday when the Saxons meet Culver City High in a regular Pioneer League basketball game. There will be no admission charge and the game is open to all fans interested in basketball.

Students from Torrance High and South High are especially invited, according to Jerry Reynolds, in charge of publicity for the event, who added that at least 1200 fans are expected.

Doors will be open at 6 p.m. with the J.V. game slated for 6:30. The Varsity game will start at 7:45.